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**Statement by Representative William Snyder on the Passage of SB 1880 in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – State Representative William Snyder (R-Stuart), Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, today released the following statement regarding the Senate Criminal Justice Committee’s passage of SB 1880 to curb human trafficking.

“Thanks to the leadership of Senator Flores, our state is one step closer to confronting a crime that exploits the most vulnerable among us and has no place in our communities. Human trafficking is a serious crime that requires stricter penalties – especially in Florida, due to our geography, rapidly growing population and high number of visitors every year.”

If passed, this legislation would stiffen the penalties for those involved in human trafficking in Florida. Additionally, our efforts will grant jurisdiction on these multi-jurisdictional cases to the Statewide Prosecutor. Local law enforcement officers need these tools to protect victims and bring those engaged in human trafficking to justice.”

I thank the Senate Criminal Justice committee and look forward to seeing the bill pass the Senate.”

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